

Dairy

Milk production in Utah reached 1.64 billion pounds in 2001, down 3.1 percent from 2000. Production per cow, 17,581 pounds, increased slightly from the previous year. The 2001 milkfat per cow was 640 pounds, 2 pounds higher than the 2000 average. The total number of milk cows was 93,000 head, 3,000 head higher than 2000.

There were an estimated 760 farms with one or more milk cows during 2001, a decrease of 70 farms from 2000. The breakdown of dairy farms by herd size was as follows: 270 farms with 1 to 29 head; 30 farms with 30 to 49 head; 140 farms with 50 to 99 head; 170 farms with 100 to 199 head; 110 farms with 200 to 499 head; and 40 farms with 500 or more cows. The 270 farms in the 1 to 29 head category accounted for only one1.0 percent. The 50 to 99 size group had 11.0 percent, and the 100 to 199 size group had 24.0 percent. The 200 to 499 size group had 32.0 percent, and the 500+ size group had 31.0 percent of the inventory.

Cash receipts from milk marketings during the 2001 totaled \$236.7 million, an increase of 27 percent from 2000. The average price per hundredweight of all milk was \$14.70 compared with \$11.20 received the previous year.

Utah's 2001 total cheese production excluding cottage cheese was 62.6 million pounds, down 16 percent from the previous year. American cheese, at 19.2 million pounds, decreased 50 percent from 2000. Cheddar cheese, at 19.2 million pounds, accounted 100 percent of the total American cheese produced. Production of Swiss cheese totaled 29.1 million pounds, 2.0 percent lower than 2000. Swiss cheese accounted for 54 percent of the total cheese produced. All other types of cheese, at 14.3 million pounds, accounted for the remainder of the cheese produced. Hard ice cream production, at 15.0 million gallons, was 17 percent above 2000. There were 20 dairy plants in Utah that produced one or more dairy products in 2001 as compared with 21 since 1997.

Dairy: Farms, Milk Production and Milkfat, Utah, 1994-2001

Year	Farms With Milk Cows	Number of Milk Cows on Farms ¹	Production of Milk & Milkfat ²				
			Milk Per Cow		Total		
			Milk	Milkfat	Percentage Milkfat	Milk	Milkfat
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
1994	1,200	86	16,640	601	3.61	1,431	51.7
1995	1,000	88	16,739	604	3.61	1,473	53.2
1996	900	91	17,000	617	3.63	1,547	56.2
1997	900	91	16,923	609	3.60	1,540	55.4
1998	900	90	16,811	609	3.62	1,513	54.8
1999	860	92	17,587	637	3.62	1,618	58.6
2000	830	96	17,573	638	3.63	1,687	61.2
2001	760	93	17,581	640	3.64	1,635	59.5

¹ Average number on farms during year, excluding heifers not yet freshened. ²

Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Disposition: Milk Used and Marketed by Producers, Utah, 1994-2001

Year	Milk Used Where Produced			Milk Marketed by Producers	
	Fed to calves ¹	Used for Milk, Cream, and Butter	Total	Total	Fluid Grade ³
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
1994	20	3	23	1,408	90
1995	24	2	26	1,447	90
1996	24	3	27	1,520	91
1997	18	2	20	1,520	91
1998	10	2	12	1,501	91
1999	18	2	20	1,598	92
2000	24	2	26	1,661	94
2001	23	2	25	1,610	96

¹ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

² Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and small amounts sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

³ Percentage of milk sold that is eligible for fluid use (grade A for fluid use). Includes fluid-grade milk used in manufacturing dairy products.